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Custody fight adding to the drama

Two men killed in unrelated incidents

SURREY A man has died in hospital after being stabbed at a house party in Surrey yesterday — just 12 hours after an unrelated deadly shooting at a McDonald's in the same city.

The stabbing happened around 5 a.m. behind a home that police had earlier visited several times because of noise complaints. Five arrests were made.

The previous evening, a man was shot to death at a McDonald's on Scott Road — the same restaurant where a 28-year-old man was shot to death in 2007.

Police said the shooting appears to have been targeted.

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Salam Ishmail, owner of Zawa, formerly called Zesty's, says he could lose his business over an incident that took place in May 2007.

Restaurateur, comedian face Human Rights Tribunal over remarks

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The owner of a Vancouver restaurant says he'll likely lose his business if a Human Rights Tribunal sides with a former patron who claims a comedian discriminated against her because of her sexual orientation.

It's a case that could affect club owners across the province as well as comedians used to interacting with audience members.

Salam Ishmail, who owns Zawa on Commercial Drive, said he's paid $13,000 in legal fees and will owe another $20,000 when the hearing starts in Vancouver today. He could face another $20,000 if the tribunal finds him at fault.

Ishmail and comedian Guy Earle are accused of violating Section 8 of the B.C. Human Rights Code after Earle made disparaging comments to Lorna Pardy and her same-sex partner at Zawa in May 2007.

Guy Earle

Earle called one of the women unattractive and suggested a crude way to get her to stop heckling performers.

"I come from old school of traditional standup and I'm offended when people disrupt and disrespect the show," Earle told Metro Vancouver yesterday. "So I was brutal to them as I would be to anybody."

"Just because you find (something) offensive doesn't mean you should take it to the Human Rights Tribunal. If this is a mechanism that's in place, then surely no artist is safe."

Sam Ishmail, Salam's brother, said the plaintiff's legal fees are subsidized, but defendants have to pay for their lawyers and aren't reimbursed even if found innocent.

"It has drained (Salam) to the point where he can't afford his lawyer," Sam said, adding that a large portion of the restaurant's clientele are lesbians and they used to host lesbian comedy nights on Saturdays.

"An argument or swearing at each other, you can't take that to court," Sam said. "(But) the Human Rights Tribunal takes a trivial case (and) my brother … could lose his business because a standup comic stood up to hecklers."

Pardy's lawyer, Devyn Cousineau, said the case isn't about the content of a comedian's performance.

"It's not the case about examining a social commentary or jokes that … people would find offensive," she said. "This is a case about discriminatory language."

James Millar, Earle's lawyer, said the statute was never intended for this purpose and is meant to prevent discrimination when providing a service.

He added that the code shouldn't apply to Earle because he was volunteering that night and because he has the right to freedom of expression.

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Officer may face discipline for Facebook comments

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RCMP A Nanaimo Mountie may face disciplinary action after "disturbing" comments were posted on his Facebook page, RCMP spokeswoman Annie Linteau said yesterday.

The officer allegedly wrote: "Night shift and St. Paddy's Day, can't wait to drop kick all the drunk idiots"; "Bar watch shift tonight, I'm gonna catch me a ginger" and "How come every chick I arrest lately refuses to put clothes on and they're the ones you never want to see naked."

"It's disturbing, rude, offensive," Linteau said. "Officers are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner."

Alfred Hermida, a University of B.C. journalism professor and expert on social media, said that because sharing information on public websites is in its infancy, people are still learning what not to post.

"A lot of what we do online, we sort of assume it's private," said Hermida. "But actually this is a very, very public forum."

Christopher Schneider, a UBC Okanagan sociology professor, said public officials and police officers being kept in check by social media is a good thing.

"This gives more of a sense of transparency," said Schneider. "It's a way of maybe catching and weeding out people who we don't want to be serving the public, like this individual."

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VANOC auction lures thousands

Thousands lined up at a Delta warehouse, and many more went online this weekend, to bid on Olympic goods no longer needed by VANOC. They include torchrunner uniforms, left, computers, cellphones, office furniture and Vancouver 2010 plastic signs. Visit bcauction.ca for details. METRO VANOCUVER

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News in brief

HAITI Canadian medical teams in Haiti have received more than 2,000 pounds of surplus medical and dental equipment from VANOC. The donation is part of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Truce program.

DEATHS A lethal combination of drugs and alcohol is said to be the cause of death for two young female partygoers earlier this month. Witnesses say Martha Jackson Hernandez and Kayla Lalonde were seen together earlier in the night, which led to speculation their death was linked.

CANNERY The Cannery served its last dish this weekend after 39 years on the Port of Vancouver's waterfront. The restaurant has seen a decrease in business since stepped-up port security limited its patrons. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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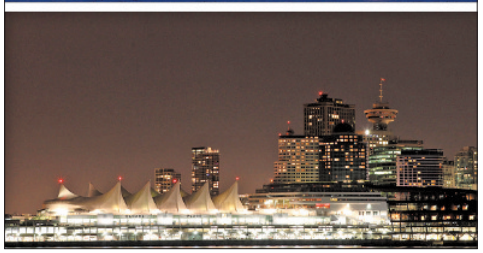

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Downtown Vancouver before Earth Hour, top, and during Earth Hour on Saturday.

Earth Hour results not as bright as in previous years

LIGHTS British Columbians turned off the equivalent of 1.4-million lights during Earth Hour — a 1.04 per cent reduction in the province's electricity load, which is less than it was in the two previous years.

In 2009, electricity consumption went down by 1.1 per cent, and in 2008 it went down by two per cent, according to B.C. Hydro.

Burns Lake had the highest reduction in consumption in the province this year at seven per cent.

Communities around the world turned off their lights for one hour at 8:30 on Saturday night for the fourth annual Earth Hour, a global movement to raise awareness about climate change.

In Vancouver, the lights went off at the Lions Gate Bridge, Science World, GM Place, City Hall and all Vancouver public libraries.

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TV's influence

- The Vancouver Canucks and the UFC were both on during Earth Hour this weekend.

Suspected 'Parents of the Year' nabbed

CRIME A man and a woman accused of using their two young children to steal about $3,000 worth of DVDs and Blu-ray discs from a Future Shop have been arrested, Richmond RCMP said.

The pair were identified after Mounties released security camera images of a man and a woman — sarcastically called "Parents of the Year" by police investigators — pushing a stroller into the store.

RCMP Cpl. Jennifer Pound said the children have been placed in the care of their grandparents and the Ministry of Children and Family Development has been advised of the situation.

The parents have been released and their first court appearance is scheduled for May 27. METRO VANCOUVER

Locals worried over casino development

Some residents fear increased traffic, noise

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The announcement of a major casino development next to B.C. Place has some area residents concerned about noise and traffic.

The B.C. government said the 680,000-square-foot entertainment complex, which is to include two hotels, will create thousands of jobs and bring in $130 million per year.

Area resident Paul Powsett said the development shouldn't be a priority for the area.

"In this neighbourhood you need to have functional shops," he said. "You need to have a supermarket and things you can live with, but you don't need a massive great big hotel and a casino. People need to have facilities that are useful to them."

Gillian Howden agreed.

IMAGE SUBMITTED

An artist's rendering of the proposed casino next to B.C. Place.

"It's one thing to have a somewhat small casino beside us right now (Edgewater), but it's another thing to have a giant vacation destination," said Howden. "It'll bring increased traffic and right now it's a fairly quiet neighbourhood, and it'll take away from the neighbourhood feel."

Doug McArthur, professor of public policy at Simon Fraser University, said downtown development is usually a good thing, but in this case there's too much "development pressure."

"It just feels like a mad rush for the big bucks," said McArthur. "The government's in a financial crisis, they're looking for dollars and they're looking for ways of getting more construction going."

Ali Delvarani, who used to live in the area, said living downtown is all about the bustle.

"If you live in downtown and you want peace and quiet, you're stupid, you're really stupid."

Balancing marriage and medals

BOOK Skeleton racer Jeff Pain and his wife Aly are coming to B.C. to promote a book on how to make it to the Olympics without letting your marriage slide.

The Pains, who have been married for 13 years today, say they want to reach "as many relationships as possible."

"It became very apparent to me that we had obviously done something right to make it through everything ... and still be married and speaking," Aly said.

It wasn't easy. The 38-year-old mother of two boys proposed divorce three times. "I felt like I was the sacrifice for Jeff's success and this wasn't what I signed up for."

Then something changed in the awareness of the relationship, Jeff said.

"We just learned how to talk about and negotiate our roles and responsibilities, and do a better job at understanding where we were going to be tomorrow and how we're going to get there" the 39-year-old said.

Jeff and Aly are visiting Kamloops and Kelowna next weekend to promote The Business of Marriage and Medals: A Relationship's Journey Through Elite Performance.

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Cape Breton may become a Canadian version of Florida's historic Cape Canaveral, where astronauts and rockets have been launched into outer space for decades. The Canadian Space Agency is looking at the Nova Scotia island as one of two possible sites to blast small satellites into orbit using an indigenous rocket launch system. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Diplomat hits out at foreign policy

A Canadian diplomat is blasting Canada's foreign policy, calling on the government to pull out of Afghanistan and focus on Africa instead. Robert Fowler, a special United Nations envoy to Niger, says the money invested in Afghanistan would go much further in Africa, where instability also poses a security threat to the West. Fowler says Canada's foreign policy has been hijacked by domestic political concerns, especially in its support for Israel. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal **Riding a digital wave**

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Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff delivers his closing address at the Canada 150 conference in Montreal yesterday. Of the many issues addressed at the policy renewal conference, the Liberals seemed excited about their newfound usage of social networking technology.

Ottawa plans major refugee system overhaul

The federal government is ready to push forward with plans to shake up Canada's refugee system, aiming to quickly weed out posers and more efficiently accept people fleeing dangerous situations.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney is expected to table new legislation as early as this week, or at the latest, by the end of April.

"To remove the years of uncertainty often faced by refugees in genuine need, while closing off avenues for those simply seeking a back door into the country, our government will propose comprehensive reforms to the refugee system," the Conservatives promised in the Speech from the Throne earlier this month. The legislation would divide refugees into two categories — those from safe countries of origin, and those from more dangerous locations, who would be fast-tracked.

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More backlogs?

• Despite measures introduced two years ago to speed up the immigration process, a backlog of skilled immigrant applications appears to be re-emerging, critics say. Citizenship and Immigration Canada's latest data shows the average processing time is seven-and-a-half years, with 600,000 people in the queue for 80,055 skilled immigrant visas granted in 2010. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Feds sending aid to potential trading partners, NGO claims

TRADE A non-governmental aid group is concerned the federal government has shifted its international development policy to favour potential trading partners instead of those nations that are the poorest.

Engineers Without Borders says the Canada International Development Agency is ignoring its legislated mandate to use development dollars first and foremost to reduce poverty. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

RECOVERY Canada is preparing to pay $100 million to join a new international club that would guide the rebuilding of earthquake-ravaged Haiti. That's the price tag for a seat on the proposed Interim Haitian Recovery Commission, expected to be announced this week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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World/Business

London **Protesters call for Pope's resignation**

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Demonstrators outside Westminster Cathedral yesterday called for Pope Benedict XVI to resign, and accused the pontiff of covering up child sex abuses by clergy in the past.

Search still on for South Korean sailors

Weeping, angry relatives of 46 crew members missing after a mysterious explosion sank a South Korean navy ship sailed around the site yesterday while others criticized the government for lack of results as rescue teams struggled to search for survivors.

No one has been found since an initial rescue of 58 sailors from the 1,200-ton Cheonan that sank early Saturday near the tense border with North Korea. No bodies have been discovered either. Still, President Lee Myung-bak refused to give up hope.

The ship had been on a routine patrol with other vessels in the Yellow Sea off South Korea's western coast. The exact cause of the explosion — one of South Korea's worst naval disasters — remained unclear; officials said it could take weeks to determine.

Fierce waves and high winds have hampered the search in an area where the two Koreas have fought three bloody naval engagements since 1999. Despite the location of the sinking, North Korea did not appear to be involved.

"We have detected 'no special movements' by North Korean forces; however, we, as a command, continue to monitor the situation and remain prepared for any contingency," Gen. Walter Sharp, chief of the 28,500 U.S. troops in South Korea, said in a statement yesterday.

South Korean troops were maintaining "solid military readiness," the Defence Ministry said. It also said a U.S. military ship would join rescue operations Monday.

The Cheonan sank near Baengnyeong Island, 17 kilometres from North Korea. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Powerful blast

- The explosion tore open the rear hull of the Cheonan, shut down its engine, wiped out power and caused the ship to sink a little over three hours later. The ship then broke into two pieces, officials said Sunday.

Swiss casino hit by robbers

HEIST An armed gang of masked men raided a casino packed with about 600 guests near Basel, Switzerland, early yesterday and made off with hundreds of thousands of francs, according to Swiss prosecutors.

In a statement, prosecutors described a scene like an action-film heist: About 10 men dressed in black arrived in two cars at the Grand Casino shortly after 4 a.m. One smashed the front door with a sledgehammer, and the others ran inside with machine-guns and pistols.

Speaking French, a group of men ordered the guests and employees to the floor, while their accomplices emptied registers in the basement and an upper floor, the statement said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Alberta takes first small step toward geothermal

ENERGY For a province that doesn't hesitate to throw billions of dollars behind energy, $2.6 million may seem small — but it's a start.

Earlier this month the Alberta Energy Research Institute, which recently became part of the new provincial research agency Alberta Innovates, approved a $2.6-million grant for a project that aims to produce geothermal power from hot water within mature oil wells.

The project is being led by environmental-technology supplier Free Energy International of Vancouver and Calgary-based engineering outfit Borealis GeoPower. Their aim is to build a power plant at an unnamed but fairly mature oil-and-gas production site in Swan Hills, Alta. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In brief

DATA Investors will receive guidance this week from some top-drawer economic data, including key reports on Canada's economic growth and the U.S. job situation. The main event for Canada on a holiday-shortened week will be on Wednesday when Statistics Canada releases its snapshot of economic growth in January.

PROTECTION A Saskatchewan builder sued by the NFL's Dallas Cowboys after the team's training facility collapsed, leaving one staffer a paraplegic, has been given creditor protection. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stage set for ugly real estate battle

A court challenge by the Canadian Competition Bureau accusing the Canadian Real Estate Association of being anti-competitive is "fundamentally misconceived," and should be dismissed, say lawyers for the organization.

"There is vibrant and vigorous competition amongst real estate agents and brokers for the supply of residential real estate brokerage services," CREA lawyer Katherine Kay stated in a 17 page response to allegations by the bureau filed on Friday.

The case is to be heard before the federal Competition Tribunal, which has the power to administer severe penalties. Talks have broken down between the two sides, as the stage seems set for an ugly battle between organized real estate and the Competition Bureau, which wants lower prices for consumers.

In her response to the tribunal, Kay contends Multiple Listing Service, or MLS, rules do not "have a negative exclusionary effect on realtors seeking to provide discounted real estate brokerage services or limited service offerings."

The MLS, a database of homes available for sale, is the property of CREA, which has 98,000 members across Canada. The Competition Bureau wants the system opened up to more competition.

CREA says many options already exist in the market, including listing properties for a flat fee, discounted commissions and various fee-for-service arrangements. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Comment

Taking the air out of Vancouver

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So much for flying the friendly skies. The last month has been marked by bickering aplenty between this country's largest airline, Air Canada, and Emirates Airlines, the state-sponsored carrier from the United Arab Emirates.

The latter wants to deliver new air service to Vancouver — and bolster flights elsewhere in Canada. It's a desire that has been met with stiff resistance — and plenty of tough talk — from Air Canada. Calin Rovinescu, the top boss at the airline, has taken his campaign on a national tour of sorts — telling folks from Vancouver to Montreal that new flights from Emirates into Canada will cost this country jobs and money.

It's a tough argument to accept, given the underwhelming state of air travel in this country, and a possibly marginalized future for Vancouver International Airport. The airlines spat has spilled over into the press, with numerous policy wonks and transportation analysts adding their two cents' worth.

But what may have been missed amidst the trash talk and punditry was a fascinating report recently published by the Australia-based Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation, an aviation market think-tank that has been observing this turf war with particular zeal — and some contempt.

"It is intriguing to examine precisely where the vaguely defined threat to Air Canada exists," says the report. "What exactly is the flag carrier being protected from?"

There's the thorny issue of flying costs. "The simple fact is that Air Canada's network is skeletal at best," it says. "This helps make Canada one of the more inaccessible (and higher priced) destinations for most travellers."

There's also the issue of YVR. "Vancouver is ... a delicate issue for Air Canada. It needs to humour the airport and the local commercial interests, while recognizing that its clear economic priority has to be to bed down in Toronto."

Ouch.

And finally, this analysis of Canadian aviation economics — and public relations.

"The carrier has chosen to consolidate its operations on Toronto, reflecting the economics of a lower-yielding Vancouver gateway and the value of focusing on a single hub. Air Canada simply doesn't have the scale to manage two major airport hubs at this stage. So the argument against Emirates had to be more carefully constructed for Vancouver consumption."

Translation: We are being duped.

But what's good for Toronto is also good for the rest of Canada, right?

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Views

Soul searching and dreaming of Snickers

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Spring is here. Flowers bloom. Robins sing. Buds ... well, bud. It's the time of year when all of nature rejoices. And I, of course, am miserable.

Forty days, six hours and 20 minutes ago, I gave up chocolate for Lent. Lent is a Christian observance based on the Bible account of Jesus being driven into the desert for several weeks. For me, the story has always been vaguely reminiscent of the summer I spent at overnight camp. It's traditional, from mid-February to Easter, for Christians to enter into some kind of self-inflicted suffering. So, since I no longer date, I remember Jesus' soul-testing struggle by going six weeks without a Snickers bar.

Generally, I like the concept of self-denial. As long as it doesn't mean I have to give anything up. But most religions seem to insist that a little suffering of the body is good for the soul. For instance, in ancient times a group called Essenes proclaimed that the pathway to true joy was to exist with no sex, no decent food and nothing whatsoever that might make life the least bit comfortable. Incredibly, this movement did not catch on.

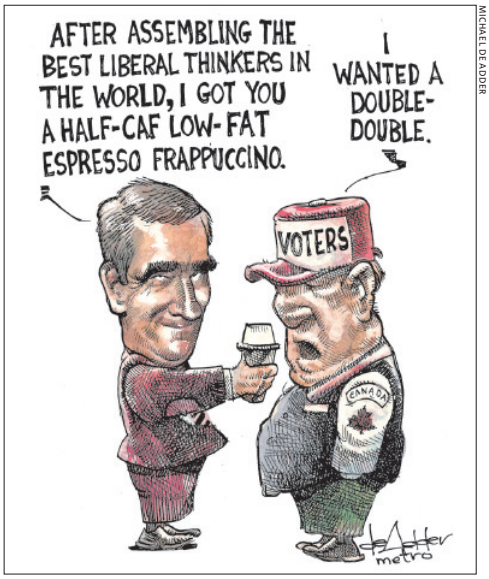
An advantage of giving up chocolate for Lent is that not only do I suffer, everyone around me suffers, too. One year I told my partner Liz I was going to observe Lent by giving up coffee. She said she'd observe it by giving up living with me.

So, is this little suffering bringing me spiritual renewal and awareness? Truthfully, the only thing I've become aware of so far is that I'm in serious danger of rolling the next person who stands near me while holding a Kit Kat.

Outside these days, my tiny backyard garden is awash in purple and yellow crocuses. Tree branches shimmer with gauzy green buds. The evening skies are opals and fire. Mother Nature is lavishing us with the indulgent pleasures of spring. Denying us nothing.

While I, being only human, wait for Easter. And dream of Snickers bars.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.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Ice shelf depletion has been linked to increased temperatures.

Discrediting the deniers

Full emails reveal Climategate as far more mundane

Eco-**Minded**

A few months ago, a series of emails were leaked from one of the world's major climate change research groups at the University of East Anglia. Snippets of these emails were reported in major news outlets and countless blogs as evidence of a conspiracy and cover-up among climate scientists. The truth — obscured by this game of broken telephone — is far more mundane and shows the extreme measures being taken by climate change deniers.

One of the emails that has been grossly misrepresented contains the phrase "(using) a trick ... to hide the decline."

What most people don't realize (or deceptively choose to ignore) is that the "decline" is in tree ring data, not temperatures.

The growth rings of trees provide an approximate record of average yearly temperatures, allowing scientists to estimate temperatures in the days before weather stations.

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Growth rings on trees are used to estimate temperatures in the days before weather stations.

In recent times, however, these growth rings are less good as approximate measures of recorded temperatures.

There's no deception going on here: The "trick" was merely to plot the tree-ring data against the actual measured temperature to show that the proxy was no longer matching well.

The other frequently cited email contains the phrase "we can't account for the lack of warming and it's a travesty that we can't." This phrase refers to the lack of technology to track energy flows through the Earth's system — not to an alleged lack of climate warming.

Rather than revealing a grand conspiracy by scientists, the Climategate emails only reveal the lengths and extreme measures (stealing emails) that climate change deniers will go to in their attempt to discredit the best available understanding.

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Thunder fall in Clarkson Cup final

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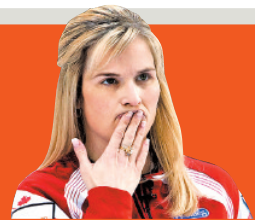

Bronze for Jones

Canada's Jennifer Jones, left, salvaged a bronze medal yesterday at the Ford women's world curling championship with a 9-6 win over Sweden's Cecilia Ostlund. Her Winnipeg team recovered from a 10-4 thrashing by Scotland's Eve Muirhead in the semifinal Saturday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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No matter what their competitive future holds, for Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, this season will be stamped in the history books as the finest ever by a Canadian ice dance duo.

Canada's newly minted ice dance stars wrapped up a brilliant undefeated campaign, Patrick Chan enjoyed some measure of redemption after a disappointing season, and Cynthia Phaneuf carried Canada's flag admirably in the absence of Joannie Rochette at the world figure skating championships.

Now, Skate Canada bosses head home thoroughly pleased with the team's performance in Italy, which capped not just this single season but four years of concerted focus on the Vancouver Olympics.

"It's been a great world championship," said Skate Canada CEO William Thompson. "Obviously to have Tessa and Scott come in and win a gold medal is tremendous. And Patrick to get himself back on the world podium is a big deal."

Virtue, 20, and Moir, 22, had a fairy tale season — first Olympic gold, then their first world championship title. While the two haven't committed to competing next season, Thompson believes they will.

"I don't think anyone should read into (their waffling) at this stage," Thompson said. "They had a goal, they wanted to finish this season, then they have to sit and evaluate what they want to do next. They like to compete, they like to train, they're still young." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ice dance gold medallists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir perform in the closing gala yesterday at the world figure skating championships in Turin, Italy.

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Not your typical Final Four

NCAA One of the most unpredictable NCAA tournaments in recent history served up a bit of the familiar for the Final Four — and a good dose of something completely different.

West Virginia will make its first appearance since 1959. Its opponent Saturday will be Duke, the only No. 1 seed to make it to Indianapolis.

The other game features a pair of No. 5 seeds — the first time that's happened.

There's tiny Butler, which is making its first Final Four appearance. And there's Michigan State — making its sixth appearance in the past 12 years, but probably its most unexpected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Health & Lifestyle

If you're like me, food is my best and worst friend. It's always there to comfort me and bring a smile to my face, but it's also the root of my unhappiness. When I look in the mirror or when my shirt / pant buttons scream for their life, I'm reminded about how I can't control my cravings and appetite. I have struggled with my weight and have tried everything. However, after a visit to the doctor, I have a completely new understanding of my body's ability to lose weight. Years of dieting have affected my ability to lose weight, but after consulting with Dr. Michael Ho, I have lost weight, regained the energy and I feel like a happy, healthy 34 yr old. "The reason most people can't lose weight is because of their hormonal imbalance caused by chemicals in foods, stress and a poor digestive system - preventing daily elimination." says Dr. Michael Ho.

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- Joan F.

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uCalgary appoints engineering dean as president

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Workology

Project Hero controversy at uRegina

Sixteen University of Regina professors have written to the school's president outlining their concerns over the university joining Project Hero, a free scholarship program for children of fallen Canadian Forces personnel. They state the program glorifies military action, and they don't want their university to take part in it. One political science professor says the program's name celebrates military intervention abroad adding, "We think this is a glorification of the Afghan effort." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Diamonds in the rough

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If you make a mistake at work, your boss will probably be very annoyed with you. If Jeannine Pilon makes an error, it's instantly worth thousands of dollars.

Pilon, now 38, was born in Sudbury, Ont., and started her professional life doing hospice work — caring for people who were dying.

Then she moved up to Yellowknife with her then-husband, had a baby and decided she wanted to do something a more positive and creative.

Cutting diamonds can actually be dirty work, says Jeannine Pilon.

She heard about a diamond-cutting course when she attended a trade show.

Pilon had always been artistic: She drew, sewed and had painted a huge mural on her son's bedroom wall.

Pilon did well right away. Staff from Arslanian Cutting Works came in weekly to look over the students' work, and liked Pilon's so much she was hired before completing the four-month course.

Once on the job, Pilon began a three-year apprenticeship under a master cutter, then wrote an exam to be fully certified.

"My job is to make it as pure and clear as possible," says Pilon. Using her wheel — which looks like a turntable — and holding the diamond in a tool called a tang that can be adjusted to get the angles perfect, she "blocks" the stone by creating eight facets on the top and eight on the bottom of the diamond. She constantly looks at the stone through a jewellers magnifying glass.

Pilon then moves on to brillianteering, which involves cutting 57 tiny, perfect facets.

Each diamond takes between 15 and 45 minutes to complete, but Pilon will often spend half the day blocking and another half brillianteering.

The work is tedious and dirty: Pilon is covered with carbon at the end of the day.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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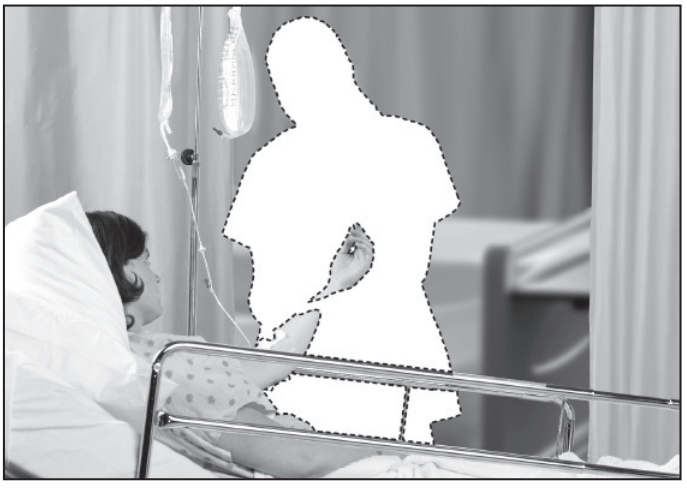

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Saskatchewan to reinstate funding for FNUC
The Saskatchewan government will restore funding to the First Nations University of Canada after a working group reached an agreement last week on the process for the reorganization and future operation of FNUC over the next four years. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hiring on the rise: Study

With all eyes focused on job creation, a new survey that tracks professional employment offers a bit of good news for the upcoming quarter.

Get ready for some hiring. A recent survey says more executives plan to hire than fire this year.

Ten per cent of executives interviewed for The Robert Half Professional Employment Report said they plan to increase the number of full-time employees in professional occupations in the second quarter, and six per cent anticipate declines. Eighty-two per cent of executives interviewed expressed confidence in their companies' prospects for growth in the next quarter.

Key Findings

- A net four per cent of executives plan to increase hiring in professional occupations, such as accounting, finance and information technology (IT), in the second quarter of 2010.
- Executives in the finance, insurance and real estate sector plan to do the most hiring of professional staff, with a net nine per cent projecting hiring increases.
- The legal field is expected to see the strongest hiring activity, with a net 26 per cent of respondents expecting to increase staff levels.
- Nearly four in 10 executives (37 per cent) said it is challenging to find skilled professionals today.

"Many firms, especially those that found they cut staff too aggressively during the worst of the recession, may need to add personnel at the first sign of a pickup in business," Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half International, said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Entertainment

No baby yet

Fans who can't wait to see Beyoncé Knowles and Jay-Z start a family will have to be patient. Despite reports to the contrary, Beyoncé's rep says the singer is not pregnant. **PEOPLE.COM**

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Max Manus tells the story of the Norwegian resistance during the Second World War.

Norwegian guns

Max Manus brings war heroes to life

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Epic in scope but personal in detail, Max Manus is a Norwegian war movie that puts many Hollywood blockbusters to shame.

The film is a biopic of the titular Max Manus, an undercover saboteur in Norway during the Second World War. Max and his close circle of friends fought valiantly against the Nazis during the German occupation and while Max was the only one to come out of the war alive, they are all considered heroes in their native land.

A film about Max's journey took a surprising 65 years to make it to screens, but finally arrived in an intelligent and action packed period piece that set box office records in Norway in 2008. The movie is finally coming to Canadian screens this Friday.

The project was a labour of love for co-directors Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg, who were anxious to make their movie quickly while a few of the historical figures were still alive.

"We were able to talk to war veterans and Max's widow Tikken, which helped us immensely," said Sandberg. "The most nervous we ever felt during the entire project was on the day that we screened the film for her. She was just thrilled and said that it took her right back to that time. That was an exciting day because we knew it meant that we had something."

Filled with huge crowd scenes, battle sequences, and extraordinary period detail, the project required a blockbuster budget to pull off, but the directors were surprisingly able to make the film with a fraction of a Hollywood budget.

"It costs about the same to make a film in Norway as it costs in Hollywood and Max Manus only had a budget of around $10 million. This is why you don't normally make these kinds of movies in Scandinavia," joked Ronning.

"The only way we could do it was to shoot in half the time and with 1/10th of the crew that you'd get in America. It's another kind of filmmaking, but thanks to computer technology we were able to channel a lot of the budget into the post-production and make that epic film that we were dreaming of. I don't think we could have done it even five or six years ago."

Max Manus opens Friday

A critical and box office success wherever it has played, Max Manus is a career highlight for Ronning and Sandberg. The pair are currently being courted by Hollywood studios, which is a long ways away from their humble beginnings in Norway.

"We've known each other now for 27 years and started making shorts films on video in elementary school," recalled Ronning. "We work together very naturally."

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Wyrd Sisters settle Potter suit

Five years after it started, a legal battle that threatened to derail one of the Harry Potter movies and stirred up a cauldron of anger among fans has ended quietly, shrouded in the kind of mystery befitting a wizard.

A $40-million lawsuit launched by The Wyrd Sisters, a little-known Winnipeg folk group, has been settled out of court, representatives for both sides confirmed to The Canadian Press. However, the settlement is subject to a confidentiality clause that prevents either side from revealing what, if any, money has changed hands.

The Wyrd Sisters tried to block the 2005 release of Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire when they found out that the movie, like the book on which it is based, was to feature a rock group called either The Weird Sisters or The Wyrd Sisters.

Kim Baryluk, the group's founder and only consistent member, sued for $40 million, and asked an Ontario court to block the release of the movie across Canada. She also asked the judge to force Warner Bros. to destroy any DVD, compact disc, video game and other paraphernalia that contained references to the music group.

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Warner Bros. fought back, saying it had removed any reference to the band's name from the movie, and had offered Baryluk $5,000 for use of the name.

Ontario Superior Court Justice Colin Campbell rejected Baryluk's request to block the movie, and ordered her to pay Warner Bros. $140,000 for the company's legal costs. The decision set off years of appeals, as well as court battles between Baryluk's former lawyer, Campbell and other judges, whom the lawyer accused of acting inappropriately. Those accusations were later deemed baseless, and Baryluk has since changed lawyers.

While the settlement details are unknown, DVDs of the movie and CDs of the soundtrack, continue to be available.

The lawsuit was met with anger among Harry Potter fans and followers of British rock groups Radiohead and Pulp, whose members appeared in the film as the now-unnamed band.

They accused Baryluk of seeking publicity and quick cash. They pointed out that references to Weird Sisters or Wyrd Sisters go back centuries, including three characters in Shakespeare's "Macbeth." But Baryluk said she was simply trying to protect a name she had spent 15 years building.

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Jon's ex wants a piece of the action

Hailey Glassman is planning on becoming a star like her ex-boyfriend Jon Gosselin, left, popeater.com reports. "I was offered to do a show called Starting Over, which will be about me leaving New York and all the negative behind me," she told radaronline.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

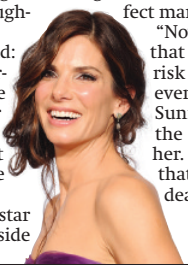
Not so Sunny for Sandra

COULD THIS FAMILY BE MORE COMPLICATED? Sandra Bullock has contacted family lawyers to fight for custody of her stepdaughter, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress — whose husband Jesse James allegedly cheated on her with tattoo model Michelle "Bombshell" McGee — has reportedly contacted legal representatives and has been devastated to find James' infidelity will not affect her chances of getting custody of stepdaughter Sunny.

A U.S. legal source said: "Infidelity has no bearing on custody. The most she can aim for right now is split custody, and a lot of that would have to be agreed by him."

A source close to the star added: "Sandra is beside herself with worry. She thought she had the perfect marriage.



"Now she feels that she's at risk of losing everything. Sunny means the world to her. She loves that girl to death."

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Wants to grace the silver screen with her presence

THE IDEA OF A 50-FOOT HIGH HEIDI IS TERRIFYING Her MTV reality series has been canceled and her attempt at being a pop singer fizzled, but Heidi Montag insists she's now found her calling.

"I'm so excited The Hills is finally over and I can now become a full-time motion picture actress," Montag tells People magazine. "I'm now finally free to start my career and my new life as female mogul in Hollywood."

And Montag has aspirations beyond acting, crossing over into screenwriting as well.

"I am making the first 3-D beach comedy about a shark that attacks a small beach town and I save the day with my 3-D boobs," she says. "I've even written a role for Dolly Parton to play the town mayor."

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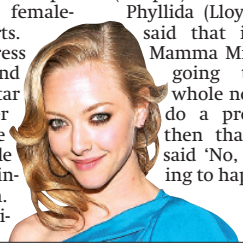
Not doing a song and dance

TOO BUSY MAKING WINNERS LIKE DEAR JOHN Mamma Mia! star Amanda Seyfried has confessed she started rumours movie bosses were planning a sequel to the musical hit — because she's desperate to reprise her role, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress found fame — and love with co-star Dominic Cooper — when she landed a lead role in the Abba-inspired 2008 film.

Director Phyllida Lloyd was last year reported to be working on a follow-up — but Seyfried admits she took the gossip she'd heard and spread it around Hollywood.

She adds, "My boyfriend (Cooper) had talked to Phyllida (Lloyd) and she said that if they do Mamma Mia! they are going to use a whole new cast and do a prequel. And then that's when I said 'No, it's not going to happen.'"



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She wants to castle her King

HE WANTS TO CHECK HER MATE. NOPE, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO HER EITHER While they may or may not be dating, Jessica Simpson and Billy Corgan have found something they enjoy doing together after Corgan taught Simpson how to play chess, according to the National Enquirer.

"He taught her how to play and was surprised at how quickly she got the hang of it, but she is yet to beat him," a source says.

"Billy likes to share his hobbies with his friends."

The pair reportedly have an intense weekly game going.

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CelebTweets

Conan O'Brien gets help posting on Twitter, Ben Stiller has kind words for Justin Bieber, and Lindsay Lohan is surprised to see herself on TV.

@ConanOBrien sklfjslj;v999[aeae0c (my dog's first tweet)

@RedHourBen Met Justin Bieber tonight on Letterman. Told him to hang in there, things will happen for him eventually.

@lindsaylohan okay, this was weird!! i was just watching a recorded 30ROCK & when it finished it went back 2 regular tv & "Georgia Rule" is on! so random! flats

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GETTY IMAGES

Lilo left out

DEE-NIED! Lindsay Lohan had trouble getting into a Victoria's Secret party recently while Paris Hilton, Nicole Richie and Russell Brand celebrated inside, according to Radar Online.

"As soon as she strolled up to the door, the rope was quickly pulled in front of her," a source says. "She tried to pass the big bodyguard but he blocked her way."

A source associated with the party insists it was just a misunderstanding, and that "Lindsay wasn't banned from the guest list."

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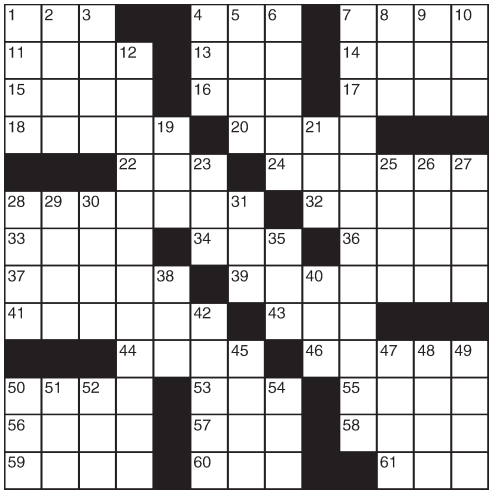

ACROSS

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4 Surprise cries
7 FDR's dog
11 Essen's river
13 "Phooey!"
14 PC picture
15 First name of 18-Across
16 Anger
17 Lascivious
18 Modernist poet
20 Otherwise
22 Youngster
24 Melted-cheese dish
28 Sleepwear
32 Exceedingly
33 Egg
34 — Kippur
36 London art gallery
37 Gold or silver
39 Yellow-orange
41 Roman magistrate
43 Sticky stuff
44 Black, in poetry
46 Light carriage
50 Options list
53 Female deer
55 — contendere
56 Culture medium
57 Very long time
58 Active one
59 Mutts
60 Single
61 Doctor's due

DOWN

1 Get ready, for short
2 Anise-flavored liqueur
3 From one end to t'other
4 Sapporo sash
5 Tortoise's opponent
6 Ledge
7 "HTTP Error 404" message
8 High card
9 Depressed
10 Plus
12 The unskilled
19 Poorly lit
21 Junior
23 Rotation duration
25 Cherished one
26 "Do — others ..."
27 Paradise
28 "— and Circumstance"
29 State with conviction
30 Twine fiber
31 "Help!"
35 Periodical, briefly
38 High-arc shot
40 Watch chain
42 Wild West show
45 Lunchtime, maybe
47 Blunder
48 Merriment
49 Bygone times
50 Crazed
51 Id counterpart
52 Old horse
54 Compass dir.

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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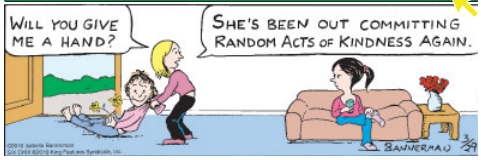
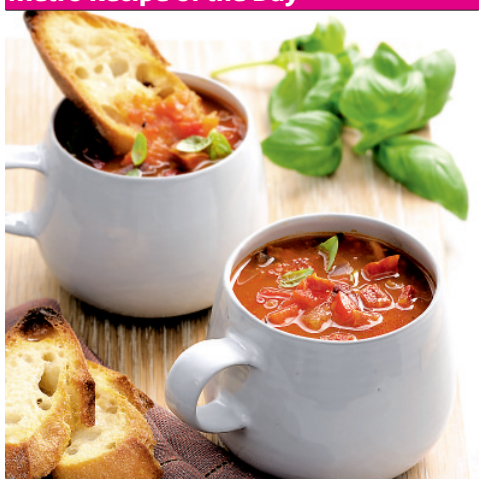


Metro Recipe of the Day



Roasted Tomato, Pepper and Chorizo Soup

INGREDIENTS:

1 red onion, with skin, quartered
2 red peppers, halved lengthwise
4 plum tomatoes, halved
2 garlic cloves, unpeeled
2 cups chicken stock
540 mL can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
100 g chorizo, chopped
2 tsp balsamic vinegar
1/3 cup fresh basil, torn

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high. Arrange onion, peppers and tomatoes on baking sheet, cut sides down, with garlic cloves.

2. Cook vegetables 6-8 minutes or until skins begin to blacken. Remove skins from onion, pepper and tomatoes, and squeeze garlic flesh from skins.

3. Chop half of vegetables into small chunks and put remainder into blender with garlic flesh and stock. Process until smooth, then add to pot with chopped vegetables. Season soup with salt and ground black pepper.

4. Bring soup to boil, stirring occasionally. Add beans, chorizo and balsamic vinegar, cover and simmer gently 2-3 minutes. Toss basil into soup and serve.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You may be right to get angry with someone who has let you down but keep your feelings to yourself, at least for now. Don't star a war you can't win.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't be so hard on yourself. You make mistakes like everyone else and there is no reason why you should feel bad about it.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Set yourself towering targets, but don't forget that to reach them you will have to take it a step at a time. What do you want most out of life?

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Someone has been giving you a hard time and now you must stand up for yourself and tell them a few home truths.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
The reason why some people are acting in a negative way towards you is because you are projecting negative signals.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
There is no point worrying about your financial situation and making yourself depressed. Chances are you are not seeing things too clearly.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A second opinion is a must today, especially if you are the kind of Libra who is prone to negative thinking. You don't have to suffer alone.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Others are so used to you acting in a predictable fashion that if you do something out of the ordinary you'll take them by surprise.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Friends and relatives will appreciate it if you don't make a song and dance over minor irritations today. Make the best of what you've got.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
A setback of some kind is likely over the next two or three days but it's not the end of the world so there is no need to despair.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may have to turn down a social or travel invitation either today or tomorrow and you won't be too happy about it. Stay close to home.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Nothing is ever as bad as it seems and you need to keep that point in mind over the next 48 hours. Find ways to cheer yourself up.

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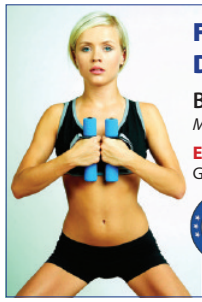
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